

Agricultural Stakeholders Group

I farm in Benton Co. Iowa. I am concerned that non cropland is taxes at the same rate as land that can be cropland.

If a reduced rate of taxes is allowed on land labeled as “permanent pasture or non cropland” then the parcel must never be allowed to have any crop harvested other than pasture.

This will require the owner to sign a document that the land will never be in crop production. CRP land that was taken out of production will not qualify for reduced tax rate when in the CRP program.

CRP has the effect of destroying the small towns in Iowa and therefore should not be eligible for any tax reduction. Only livestock produces with permanent pasture are eligible for tax reduction.

Even with the restrictions set forth above. The current land in crop production must not have their tax rates increased.

I am encouraged that a method can be found to give livestock producers a tax rate reduction and not raise taxes on current crop producers.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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